

# United States Embassy Macedonia

## Presents Newsletter *C O L L A G E*



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Better integrating women into global efforts to end conflict and promote peace is a critical objective of U.S. diplomacy, according to a new State Department report.

#### **2. U.S. Economy Grew \$6.5 Billion More than Reported in Quarter Two**

The U.S. economy grew more than initially estimated from April to June as gross domestic product increased by 1.7 percent, according to a new Commerce Department report.

#### **3. President Obama Holds White House Iftar**

President Obama hosts his fourth iftar as president in the State Dining Room of the White House.

#### **4. London Games Show What Women and Girls Can Achieve**

In a State Department blog post issued on August 21, Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues Melanne Verveer says she hopes "the world can look to the Olympics as just the tip of the iceberg of what women can achieve not just for themselves, but for their countries and world, if only given the opportunity."

#### **5. Beyoncé Draws 1.1 Billion to Mark Humanitarian Day**

More than 1 billion people joined a social media campaign, urged on by pop star Beyoncé to perform an act of kindness for World Humanitarian Day.

#### **6. Rover Sends Human Voice and Panoramic View from Mars**

The Curiosity rover is having a fine time on Mars, according to postcards sent home to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, three weeks after the lander set down on the Red Planet. Tests confirm the major systems of the craft made their journey across the solar system without damage.

## **In Case You Missed It:**

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### **Ambassador Signs LOA with Macedonian Ministers**

On August 30th, Ambassador Paul Wohlers, Minister of Interior Gordana Jankulovska, and Minister of Justice Blerim Bexheti, signed a Letter of Agreement awarding nearly \$2.5 million for projects aimed at developing the Macedonian justice system and enhancing rule of law in line with international standards.



### **Diversity Is Macedonia's Strength**

In an interview with Alfa TV, DAS Reeker discussed a range of issues including his meetings with a broad range of political leaders, impressions from his visit, challenges Macedonia and the region face, and the importance of reconciliation in Macedonia's progress towards full Euro-Atlantic integration.

**ALSO:** [Video](#)



### **Signing of the Open Skies Agreement**

Visiting Deputy Assistant Secretary Philip Reeker and Macedonian Minister of Transportation Mile Janakieski signed an Open Skies Agreement On Wednesday, August 22, establishing a liberalized aviation relationship between the United States and Macedonia. Open Skies ...

**ALSO:** [Photos](#)



## Addressing Macedonian Young Leaders

Yesterday, DAS Philip T. Reeker and Ambassador Paul Wohlers, alongside President Ivanov, opened the third annual Ivanov School for Young Leaders in Ohrid. DAS Reeker spoke to the group of approximately 40 young leaders about the tenets of responsible leadership in a global world, emphasizing the ...



## USAID Director Speaks to Rising Leaders

USAID Director Robert Wuerz delivered a keynote speech at the launch of the Preparing Global Leaders Institute. He spoke about diplomacy and leadership before an audience of 70 young leaders from across the world.

The two-week Institute is organized by the NGO Mladiinfo, in conjunction with Georgetown University faculty, at South East European University.

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